Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 TEL AV 01281 201554Z

53
ACTION OES-05

INFO OCT-01 NEA-10 ISO-00 TRSE-00 NSF-01 NAS-01 PA-01

PRS-01 USIA-06 CIAE-00 INR-07 NSAE-00 L-03 EB-07

OMB-01 /044 W
---------- 046371
P 201416Z FEB 76
FM AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 288

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE TEL AVIV 1281

PASS TREASURY

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: TGEN, BSF,IS
SUBJECT: U.S.-ISRAEL BINATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNCATION (BSF)
BOARD OF GOVERNORS (BOG) MEETING

1. THE BOG OF THE BSF ON FEBRUARY 17 CONDUCTED THEIR ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING IN JERUSALEM AT THE ISRAEL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES. AMBASSADOR TOON AND FINANCE MINISTRY RABINOWITZ PRESENTED OPENING GREETINGS AFTER INTRODUCTIONS BY DR STEVER, DIRECTOR, NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION AND CHAIRMAN, BOG.

2. IN ADDITION TO ROUTINE MATTERS OF BUSINESS, THE BOG PASSED A RESOLUTION WHICH WILL PROBABLY BE REFERRED TO DURING SECRETARY SIMON'S VISIT. THIS RESOLUTION PROVIDED PREVIOUSLY IN DRAFT FORM AND REVIEWED IN WASHINGTON AND REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE V OF SECOND DRAFT OF JOINT STATEMENT (DATED 10 FEB 76) NOW READS AS FOLLOWS:

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS
OF THE UNITED STATES-ISRAEL BINATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNCATION

THE BSF HAS BEEN ALLOCATING GRANTS SINCE MID 1974.
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 TEL AV 01281 201554Z

ALTHOUGH MOST OF THE RESEARCH PROJECTS SUPPORTED

Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006

Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006

BY THE FOUNDTION HAVE NOT YET REACHED COMPLETION
IT CAN BE STATED THAT THE PROJECTS SUPPORTED BY
THE FOUNDATION ARE IN AREAS OF INTEREST TO BOTH
THE UNITED STATES AND ISRAELI GOVERNMENTS. THESE
PROJECTS WERE SELECTED ON THE BASIS OF HIGH SCIEN-
TIFIC AND/OR TECHNOLOGICAL MERIT AND OF POTENTIAL
BENEFIT TO BOTH COUNTRIES.

THE BSF PLAYS A VITAL ROLE IN ENCOURAGING AND
FOSTERING SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION BETWEEN BOTH
COUNTRIES. THE AIM OF THE FOUNDATION IS TO
SUPPORT RESEARCH WHICH WILL DEVELOP COOPERATIVE
ARRANGEMENTS, SUCH AS SINGLE PROGRAMS CARRIED OUT
IN EACH COUNTRY WITH FULL COORDINATIONAND EXCHANGE
OF SCIENTISTS.

TO A GREATER EXTENT THAN IN FORMER YEARS HIGHLY
RATED RESEARCH PROPOSALS WORTHWHILE SUPPORTING
BECAUSE OF THEIR POTENTIAL BENEFIT TO BOTH
COUNTRIES CANNOT
BE ACTIVIATED DUE TO
LACK OF FUNDS.

THE BOARD WISHES TO RECOMMEND TO BOTH
GOVERNMENTS THAT THEY EXMAINE THE POSSIBILITY OF INCREASING
THE FUNDS AVAILABLE TO BSF TO SUPPORT ITS ACTIVITIES.

3. BOG DELTED DRAFT PREAMBLE (AS SHOWN IN DRAFT JOINT
STATEMENT) ON GROUNDS BSF PREDATES JOINT COMMITTEE,BOG
ADDED FOURTH PRAGRAPH TO REITERATE ITS INTEREY IN OBJ-
TAINING ADDITIONAL FUNDS.

4. FYI: BOG RECOGNIZES NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH
AND DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION (BIRDF) FAR ADVANCED IN NEGOT-
ATIONS AS SEPARATE ENTITY AND EOS NOT WISH TO CAUSE
DIFFICULTY WITH ITS FUNDNG. IT NEVERTHELESS WISHES TO
KEEP ITS DESIRE FOR INCREASED SUPPORT ON RECORD. THERE
ARE DIFFERENT ISRAELI INTEREST GROUPS
SUPPORTING EACH
FOUNDATION (BSF AND BIRDF) AND FINANCE MINISTER RABINO-
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 03 TEL AV 01281 201554Z

WITZ WILL LIKELY EXPRESS DESIRES OF BOTH. HOWEVER,
ISRAELIS APPEAR TO PLACE HIGHER PRIORITY ON BIRDF, IN
CIRCUMSTANCES, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT QUESTION OF IN-
CREASED FUNDS FOR BSF BE HELD IN ABEYANCE UNTIL BIRDF
IS FUNDED AND BSF EVALUATION IS COMPLETED.
TOON

Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006

Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION, SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS, MEETING PROCEEDINGS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 20 FEB 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: morefirh
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976TELAV01281
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760064-0449
From: TEL AVIV
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t19760228/aaaaaydz.tel
Line Count: 113
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION OES
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: morefirh
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 14 JUN 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <14 JUN 2004 by GarlanWA>; APPROVED <02 JUL 2004 by morefirh>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: U.S.-ISRAEL BINATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNCATION (BSF) BOARD OF GOVERNORS (BOG) MEETING
TAGS: TGEN, US, IS, BINATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006